GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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DIVERSION OF WHEAT IN HARYANA
DUKHA BHAGAT;LAXMAN GILUWA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the findings of the probe into diversion of wheat meant for the consumers to the traders by the Food Corporation of India in Haryana;

(b) the details of the modus operandi of the scandal;

(c) the quantity and value of wheat diverted to traders, the monetary loss suffered by FCI and the estimated profits made by the traders by selling this wheat at exorbitant prices;

(d) the action taken against the concerned officials; and

(e) the present status of the above said scandal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SU MAHARIA)

(a): As per the report of CBI irregularities were committed in the open sale of wheat underopen market sale scheme in FCI depots of Rohtak, Kurukshetra and Karnal.

(b): Under the OMSS (D), foodgrains were sold to the traders after obtaining an affidavitthat he would not sell the stocks outside revenue district to which he belonged. However the original buyer sold the stocks to another party within the same revenue district while the second party sold the wheat outside the revenue district.

(c): During the period October, 1993 to April, 1997, 29.14 lakh MTs wheat under OMSS (D) wassold in Haryana. However, during the year 1996-97 Haryana Region sold 3.71 lakh MTs of wheat. InHaryana, FCI conducted sales upto November, 1996 only under OMSS (D) and thereafter sale was conducted through State Government. There was no monetary loss to the FCI as the sale of wheatto the traders was made at fixed rates. There is no information about the estimated profits made by the traders by selling this wheat.

(d)&(e): The investigation has been completed by the CBI and action has been taken against the guilty officials.